### The Mysterious Ship.

common in the Ochotsh and Kamtsebatka Seas.

The reflection of ships is something seen above the tops of high hills, presenting the singular appearance of vessels running along through the air in an inverted position.

The vision is so weired and singular as almost to impress the spectator with the idea that he is in the land of spir-

On the 21st day of July, 18-, we -that is to say, the erew of the whaler Firefly-passed the Kimee Islands, and entered the Ochotsh Sea.

The wind was blowing a gale, and 1 we were, therefore, under double. | er came steadily on. reefed top sails.

Luckily, we had contrived to get to leeward of a number of huge detached masses of ice, which otherwise must have stoven our vessel in a short time. as there was a fog which would have prevented our stearing clear of them.

The sun was about going down, and its red light streamed luridly along the creats of the luge rolling

Soon the fog having cleared a little, the mate seemed on the point of using orders to shake one reef out of the main-topsail, when the man at the mast-head-for our captain kent a man on the lookout-sang out "Sail O!" with all his might.

To the usual question, "Where away?" the answer was, "Two points off the weather bow."

Looking in this direction, we saw a ressel looming up where the fog had cleared a little in the midst of the drifting masses of ice to windward .-The mist was too thick for us to make out the stranger very distinctly; but while we were still looking at her, the masthead man shouted signal of dis-

This announcement created much excitement among the crew. we all crowded around the rails, while the captain hastened to procure his glass. "Ah," said he, after a moments sur-

vey, "she evidently has been stoven, and is going down." "We'd better best up to her then,"

said the mate. "We can do it in a few tacks." "No," was the curt reply. "I can't

spare the time. Besides, I don't care to crowd my craft with another vessel's crew. They have boats and can take to them.

The mate and the other officers shrugged their shoulders.

"Surely," said the first officer, "you down. It will be a lasting disgrace to 3. Their boats can hardly live in the vanished. midst of that ice, with such a sea running."

"I am master of my own craft," said the captain angrily, "and shall do as I please."

At that moment a flash was seen and the booming of a gun was heard, fired by the stranger, as if she were impatient of our tardiness in rendering her assistance. She was evidently sinking fast, for her signal was now moving rapidly up and down.

All the endeavors of his mate and officers to persuade the captain to go to the assistance of the unfortunates proved of no avail. He would stir craft to her doom. The fog again for her female hand, she squeezed thickening, soon shut her out of our mine, we both slung each other, then sight; but for a long time after we changed base across the room, jumped could hear the shouts and cries of the up and down ever so many times, then

him but little peace.

his officers and crew behaved to him turn side couples, all hands around, irritated him, and kept fresh in his take your gal and t'other fellow's gal mind his unmanly conduct with regard forward and back twice, both gals two to the stoven craft.

We were fast approaching the Kurile Islands, near which the disaster man balance to heavy lady, heavy lahad taken place, when one afternoon dy duplicate, promenade, all gals a sudden gale came upon us, tearing to the centre, fellows catch hold of our sails into shreds, and compelling each other's hands, bob up and down, us to close reef.

that on which we had seen the ship to place, right gentleman spin left lasinking.

The watch were gathered aft coning with all his might :

"Sail, oh! right ahead! coming

this way !" We all glanced forward, when, sure with every roll of the ship. The size rusty one.

of this man seemed equal to that of a This phenomenon of the mirage is Patagonian savage, and as every part of him, with the exception of his chin and a large flowing beard, was hidden by the mist, he presented an aspect at once weird and terrible.

"Keep off!" howled Captain Rus sell to the man at the helm. "Up with the helm lively, or we'll be afoul of that ship !"

The helmsman obeyed, when, to our anspeakable dismay the stranger also kept off, as if her captain really desired a collision.

"Ship ahoy?" roared Captain Russell, trembling in every limb. "What are you about there!"

There was no reply; but the strang-

"Luff!" shricked the captain, with white lips, to the man at the wheel .-"For Heaven's sake, luff!"

"Luff it is," anwered the man, and down went the wheel.

As our vessel came up, however, the stranger also did the same. "That man is mad!" cried the hor

rified third mate. "He is determined to run afoul of us. May Heaven help us if he does." Again we kept off, and again the other ship did the same. She was

now scarcely twenty fanthoms distant, and a collision seemed inevitable. With a hoarse shrick of dismay, our men rushed aft, believing that their doom was sealed. If run down by the huge vessel approaching us we could not hope to escape with our

Meanwhile, on came the gigantic vessel! nearer, nearer, nearer! and

lives in such a gale as now was rag-

now we touched, expecting the shock ! Minute after minute passed, however, and still the collision did not take place. Wondering, we then rose to our feet, and preceived that the stranger had disappeared!

"Good Heavens!" howled our superstitious captain, quivering all over with terror. "That was no earthly craft. It was the spectre of the one which I allowed to sink in the ice, four months ago.

And he fell upon the deck in a

When restored to his senses he was informed by our mate-a very intelligent man-that the vessle which had been seen was simply a mirage-a shadow-the magnified reflection of our own vessel in the mist, as in a mirror.

The mate had proved this by jumping upon the nightheads, when the rest of us was aft. He had then seen will not leave those poor fellows to go head of the stranger, just before she his own form reflected upon the night-

When we reached the Sandwich Islands, a month later, we learned that the vessel which our captain had deserted in her distress, was the Mount Vernon, stoven by the ice. Her crew took to the boats, and with much difficulty, succeeded in preventing their frail vessel from being crushed.

At daylight they were all picked up by the Montpelier, a homeward bound

## Description of a Quadrille.

It is described thusly by a young man who tried it :

"We both bowed to both of us, and neither tack nor sheet; and so we con- then the tother; then the fiddle tanktinued on our course, leaving the other ed and the thing started. I grabbed my dear me dozed-a-doe and hop-We kept on our course for about a scotched home again, (from a foreign week, when we anchored in Shanter's shore), then we two forwarded, four Bay, where we found plenty of whales. ladies changed, we X over, turned Captain Russell's conscience, in around twice, shassayed sideways, I spite of his success in filling up his backed to the place, she dittoed, side vessel in one season, evidenlly gave couples to the left, side couples turned gentleman, side couples turn ladies, The contemptuous manner in which ladies turn side couples, head couples times, sling 'em to opposite feller, let him again to the place, light gentlearms over, ladies stoop, jump up and It was exactly such an afternoon as down, each fellow takes his gal back dy, right lady spin left gentleman, all twist each other, do it again, over reversing on various topics when the peat, once more, keep it up, all turn lookout man was suddenly heard shout- to t'other backwards, sideways, each couple swing t'other couple, cross over back again to our seats.

Sir Walter Scott, in his days of law enough, we beheld a gigantic vessel, practice, once defended a house-breaklooming up through the mist, and aper at Jedburg. After the trial the proaching us at a great rate. The re- prisoner sent for him, thanked him for markable height of her masts, the his exertions and said he was sorry he enormous breadth of her canvass, and could give him a fee, but he would the dimensions of her hull and boats, give two bits of information. First, all of which bore a peculiar dim un- that a yelping terrier inside a house earthly aspect, startled us very much. was a better protection than a big dog Upon her foretopgallant eross-tree a outside; and secondly, that no lock so ne lookout swung hither and thither bothered a house-breaker as an old

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